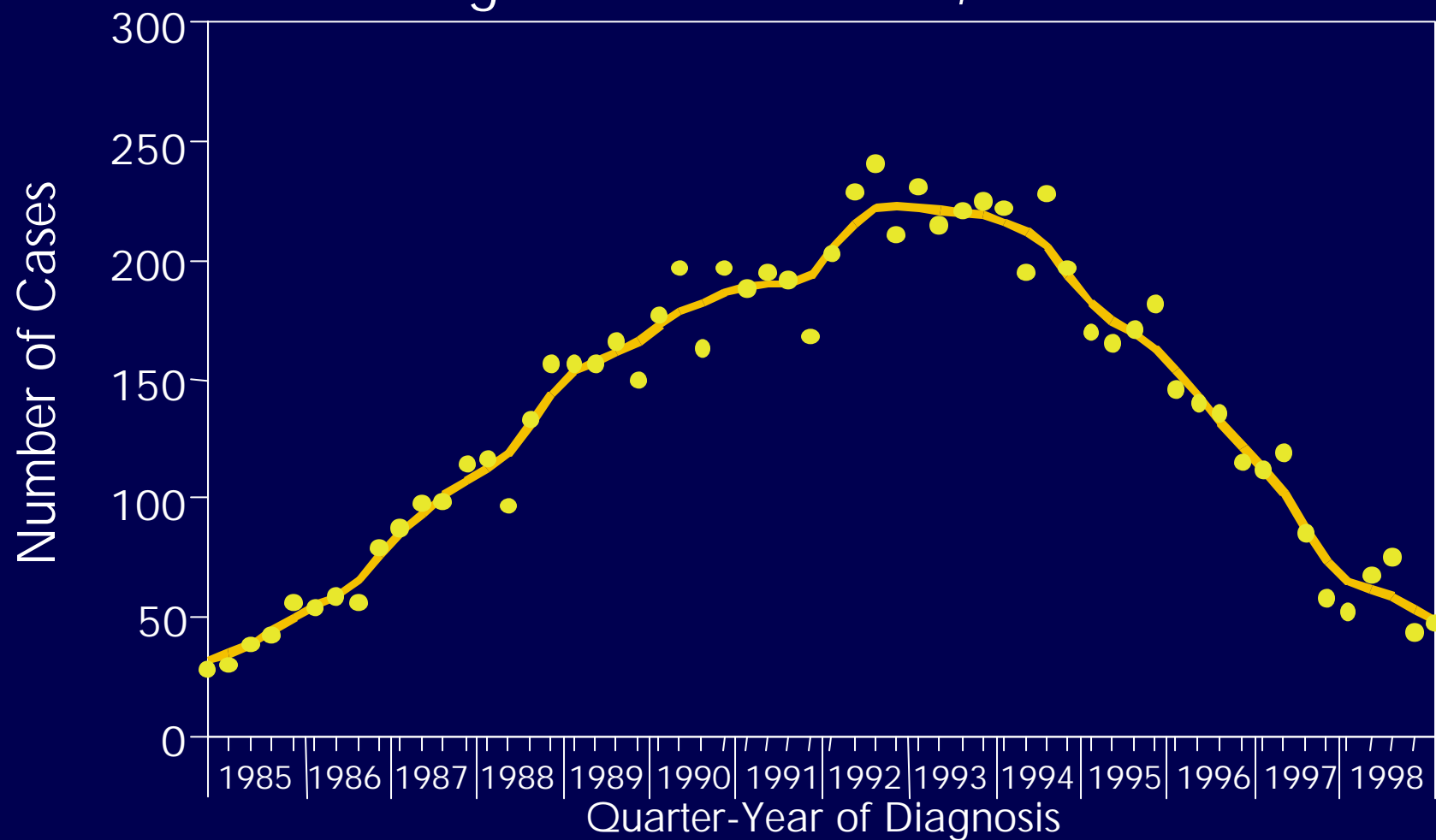


Perinatally Acquired AIDS Cases by Quarter-Year of Diagnosis* 1985-1998, United States



*Adjusted for reporting delays and redistribution of NIRs, data reported through December 1999

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The incidence of perinatally acquired AIDS peaked in 1992 and has decreased in recent years. Studies and surveillance data suggest that the implementation of Public Health Service guidelines for universal counseling and voluntary HIV testing of pregnant women and the use of zidovudine by pregnant women and administered to newborn infants account primarily for the decline. Other contributing factors include the increasing proportion of HIV-infected childbearing women who received ZDV therapy before and during pregnancy for treatment of their HIV disease and the use of prophylaxis to prevent AIDS opportunistic infections among children.